

342 Macedonia Church Road
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The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are attentive to their cry

Psalm 34:15

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A person's wisdom yields patience; it is to one's glory to overlook an offense.

Proverbs 19:11

Special Call to Prayer
Wednesday afternoons
4:30 til 6:00

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.
2 Chronicles 7:14

Every Wednesday afternoon, 4:30 - 6 pm the church doors are open to anyone who wants to spend time in prayer. Come and go as your schedule allows. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for anyone willing to help host a day of prayer. This person will be in charge of unlocking and locking the doors. Contact Winkie Clifton if you would like to volunteer to host a Wednesday afternoon.

Tithes may build a church, but PRAYERS will give it life. That is the difference between the modern church and the early church. Our emphasis is on paying. Theirs was on praying. When we have paid, the place is taken. When they had prayed, the place was shaken. (Acts 4:31)



GRACE GOT TALENT
August 20th
6:00 pm

In addition to some true talent, our church talent show provides some interesting and often humorous skits. Come enjoy the fun and home made ice cream. If you would like to showcase your special talent, there is a sign up sheet on the sound booth at the back of the church.

Missionary Spotlight

Grace has sponsored several missionary endeavors over the years. On the table at the back of the church you will see a list of missionary work our church sponsors. In addition to that list is a family we have recently begun to support. This is a glimpse into their work.

Our names are Corey and Kristen Watson. With our three children, Benson, Anna, and Chloe, we've been serving in Jordan. Prior to this, we spent time in East Asia growing in our love to see His Kingdom come and will be done amongst unreached peoples.

For the past four years, we've been living in Mafraq, Jordan, a remote conservative Muslim City, where we taught English to adult Syrian refugees and Jordanians. Through quality instruction, we teach our students with excellence in the classroom and build eternally minded relationships with them. In total we have reached over 1,000 students, and had the privilege of sharing and walking with new brothers and sisters into their new life in Christ. As we walk alongside our students, we also partner with local fellowships so that students can be trained up and hear this amazing message in their native language.



This is My Story: Dan Abernathy

Dan Abernathy was born and raised in Valdese, NC by loving and strong parents. His mom made sure her children were in church every Sunday. At times, Dan went to two churches because he thought the girls were prettier at one over the other.

Dan played baseball during high school - a star pitcher. After graduation he joined the Army serving in an airborne unit; after jump school he was sent off to Korea. While in the Army Dan also got to play baseball for the 82nd Airborne team. After the Army, Dan attended NC State before transferring to Florida. Baseball was still to play an important part in his future.



Dan & Kathy Abernathy

After several years of teaching Sunday School, being a Youth Leader and then servings as the chairman of the Deacons at FBC Auburndale he learned something vital. They had a speaker at church one evening whose whole message was centered around baseball, using an analogy that resonated with Dan. He realized that he personally, like the evangelist had said, had missed first base. He was doing all the right things, serving the Lord, leading others to Christ, teaching Sunday School - everything - but he would be out at home base. It was quite a shock to the Pastor and congregation when Dan went forward at the altar call. But Dan knew he needed Jesus in the real sense to make it home 'safe'.

Dan and Kathy met in Florida in 1982 and married later that year. They ended up in Alleghany a few years later. Fell in love with the people, the beauty of the area and felt a calling to relocate here, which they did in 1998. They have never looked back. Alleghany was and is their home where they love and serve in whatever way they feel the Lord leading. Notably they have served for 13 years volunteering with Operation Christmas Child.



Purchasing Trip - August 25th
Packing Party - September 3rd
This year's goal is 1,200 boxes

We are collecting and will be collecting items all year for shoe boxes. A drop-off box is in the vestibule of the church for your donations. Contact Sharon or Kathy or Winkie if you would like to travel with us to shop for box supplies on Aug. 25th, and/or if you can help with packing on Sept. 3rd. Thank you for your generosity to bless children around the world this Christmas.

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